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TAGS: EAGR, AG

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US-ALGERIAN UNDERSTANDING ON WHEAT  
REF: (A) ALGIERS 0866 (B) STATE 089846

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. LOUHIBI, CEREALS'  
OFFICE, AND TO OTHER OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE.

2. THE US WOULD BE PLEASED TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH  
THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT ON WHEAT SUPPLY. THE US WOULD  
VALUE ALGERIA AS A LONG TERM CUSTOMER AND WOULD BE INTE-  
RESTED IN KNOWING THE VOLUMES THAT ALGERIA MIGHT WISH TO  
PURCHASE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. THE US IS CONFIDENT  
OF ITS ABILITY TO BE A RELIABLE SUPPLIER AND WOULD BE  
PREPARED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES WHICH MIGHT BE  
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CONTAINED IN A JOINT PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE TALKS.  
TO FACILITATE THE PLANNING INTERESTS OF THE ALGERIANS AND  
TO GIVE THE INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING GREATER VISIBILITY,  
WE WOULD PROPOSE PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS ON THE WORLD WHEAT  
SUPPLY AND TRADE SITUATION.

3. IT IS NOT THE POLICY OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO ENTER INTO

BINDING BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS INVOLVING DIRECT US  
GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN WHEAT TRADE. (THE US-USSR AGREE-  
MENT OF 1975 WAS CLEARLY REGARDED AS AN EXCEPTION TO THIS  
LONG STANDING POLICY.) WE COULD, HOWEVER, MEET THE

INTERESTS OF ALGERIA AS WELL AS OUR OWN EXPORT INTERESTS  
BY AN INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING BASED ON PERIODIC DISCUSSIONS  
ON ALGERIAN REQUIREMENTS AND US SUPPLY AVAILABILITIES. IF  
THE GOA IS INTERESTED IN PURSUING SUCH DISCUSSIONS USDA  
WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOST SUCH DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON.  
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